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SUBJECT : CBG MEETING

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1. WIVES OF MARTIN-MARIETTA EXECUTIVES WOULD CERTAINLY BE MOST WELCOME IN CONAKRY AND WOULD PROBABLY FIND MERE DISCOVERY OF AREA, PLUS OPPORTUNITY TO ATTEND GUINEAN CULTURAL ACTIVITIES, SUFFICIENTLY REWARDING TO JUSTIFY VISIT. HOWEVER, THEY SHOULD BE AWARE THAT VERY FEW GUINEAN WIVES LIKELY PARTICIPATE IN ANY ACTIVITIES AND THAT THERE IS PRACTICALLY NO SHOPPING IN GUINEA AS IN OTHER AFRICAN COUNTRIES. IN EXPECTATION THAT ACCOMMODATIONS COULD POSE PROBLEMS, I ASKED AMERICAN CBG OFFICIAL'S VIEWS ON THAT SUBJECT AND WAS TOLD THEY WOULD BE UNABLE HOUSE WIVES IN SPACE PRESENTLY AVAILABLE. CBG HAS DECIDED USE ONLY ITS OWN VILLAS TO HOUSE VISITORS AND NOT SEEK USE OF GUINEAN GOVERNMENT GUEST HOUSES WHICH MIGHT INVOLVE CBG IN EXPENSES FOR SOME FURNITURE AND FURNISHINGS. PERSONALLY, I CONSIDER THIS A SHORTSIGHTED APPROACH, SINCE I BELIEVE GUINEANS AS HOST SHOULD PLAY SOME ROLE IN PROVIDING ACCOMMODATIONS. ALSO ITEMS NEEDED LIKELY BE SHEETS, TOWELS, ETC., AND MAYBE AN AIR CONDITIONER OR BED OR TWO WHICH WOULD BE ONE-TIME PURCHASE. HOWEVER, THIS OBVIOUSLY IS MATTER FOR CBG OFFICIALS TO DECIDE.

2. FOLLOWING MY QUERY, I LEARNED THAT CBG PRESIDENT PAPPAS SENT URGENT CABLE TO HALCO PRESIDENT FAWCETT REPORTING IN-

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CORRECTLY THAT I HAD APPROACHED CBG ON BEHALF OF MARTIN-

MARIETTA AND REQUESTING THAT FAWC ZT ADVISE MARTIN-MARIETTA
NOT TO PLAN TO BRING WIVES. PRESUMABLY, THEREFORE, THIS
INFORMATION HAS NOW BEEN PASSED TO MARTIN-MARIETTA.
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